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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
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**This application is a divisional
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U.S. Patent Appln. No. 10/293,322**

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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all
rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese
Priority Application:

Japan 10-122530, filed May 1, 1998.

A certified copy of the priority document was filed in grandparent Application
No. 09/301,583.

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Respectfully submitted,

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